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United Nations conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination
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Agenda item 4
Adoption of the rules of procedure

Participation of non-governmental organizations in the conference[1]

The conference decided that:

1. With respect to non-governmental organizations participating at the conference, participation in the public meetings of the conference, without the right to vote, will be open to:

   (a) Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996. These non-governmental organizations should inform the President of the conference about their interest to participate;

   (b) Other interested non-governmental organizations relevant and competent to the scope and the purpose of the conference provided that requests to do so are submitted to the President of the conference and are accompanied by information on the organization's purpose, programmes and activities in areas relevant to the scope of the conference. The President of the conference will draw up a list of these non-governmental organizations on a non-objection basis;[2]

2. Accredited non-governmental organizations will be provided, upon request, with documents related to the conference, and they may submit material in writing, which shall be circulated in its original language.

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[1] Adopted by the conference at its organizational session on 16 February 2017.

[2] Where the participation of a non-governmental organization is objected to, the objecting Member State participating in the conference will, on a voluntary basis, make known to the Secretary-General of the conference the general nature of its objections, and the Secretary-General will share any information received with all Member States participating in the conference.

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